

**OLNEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JANUARY 13, 2020 AT OLNEY FIRE HALL**

**Call to Order:** 7:05 pm

Trustees present: Chair Donna Maddux, Vice Chair Gary Hill, Secretary Paul Jeremiassen, and Trustee Norma McBroom. There remains one vacancy on the Board.

Department Members: Jordon Carr

Community Members: None

Motion to approve the agenda made by McBroom; seconded by Hill; carried unanimously.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes of December meeting: motion to approve the minutes made by McBroom; seconded by Hill; carried unanimously.

Bills presented for payment: Jeremiassen presented bills for payment, as attached. Motion to approve the payments as presented was made by Jeremiassen; seconded by Hill; carried unanimously.

**Reports**

Call outs: 3 calls during December (1 medical assist and 2 motor vehicle accidents)

**Unfinished Business**

Standard operating procedures: no progress on drafting set of procedures. Hill has not heard from Lincoln Chute at the County and will follow up. Jeremiassen will try to obtain a set for West Valley Fire from a volunteer he knows.

Open Trustee seat: there is no information about anyone applying as a candidate for our open seat in the May election. The filing deadline is February 10.

Turnout gear: Jeremiassen contacted MaHugh regarding the procedure for purchasing new sets of turnout gear based on written quote they provided. Each Member needs to be fitted before the order is placed; MaHugh will bill us when ordering all the sets. Carr will proceed to arrange the purchase of up to 4 sets for current Members.

Handheld lights for vehicles: Hill made motion to provide up to \$1,000 to purchase hand-held, waterproof, rechargeable lights; seconded by Maddux; carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Publicity about the Department's status: Carr has input an article to our Facebook page about our lack of Department volunteers to cover our fire district's mission, including an appeal for volunteers. His article was picked up by local new outlets, leading to a story in both a local TV newscast and article in the Daily InterLake. Joe Page, Whitefish Fire Chief, also provided some input in an e-mail to a media reporter about our situation, including a chart comparing property values and mil rates among fire districts (attached). The chart makes clear that our District, with by far the smallest property tax base in the County and the highest mil rate, does not have the resources to support options to a volunteer fire department, let alone provide ambulance service. Carr said he has had a few responses to the publicity from potential volunteers.

Maddux said we need to consider all creative solutions to the challenges we face. One proposal is to carefully tailor our training program to our mission, so that with our limited resources we can be the most effective when responding to calls where we are the first responder, even when we are usually provided mutual aid by Whitefish or other departments. One example discussed was a wilderness first aid training course, which would be appropriate for our service area, located far from the nearest medical facility/EMS response unit. It was noted that we must carefully observe the legal limits of our response, consistent with our training.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by Paul Jeremiassen, Secretary

**Attachments:** January payments; Flathead Fire District property values/mil rates

**OLNEY FIRE DISTRICT  
TRANSACTION REGISTER  
FY 2020**

CHECK #	DATE	PAID TO/RECEIVED FROM	DEBIT	CREDIT	A/C CODE	CASH BAL	DESCRIPTION
	<b>7/1/19</b>	<b>BEGINNING CASH</b>				44,609.00	<b>County Balance \$48,905.38 (o/s check # 5184 \$4296.38)</b>
5185	7/8/19	Lincoln Electric	96.90		800	44,512.10	June electricity
5186	7/8/19	CenturyLink	122.39		200	44,389.71	June telephone/internet
5187	7/8/19	VFIS	1,553.00		600	42,836.71	1st quarter installment - property/liability insurance
RECEIPT	7/31/19	Flathead County		4,245.70	60	47,082.41	Collected property taxes
5188	8/12/19	US Bank Lockbox CM 9695	7,144.26		2100	39,938.15	Semi-annual Loan pmt on Water Tender
5189	8/12/19	Lincoln Electric	92.59		800	39,845.56	July electricity
5190	8/12/19	CityServiceValcon	270.00		1300	39,575.56	Propane - 200 gals @ \$1.35
5191	8/12/19	CenturyLink	123.49		200	39,452.07	July telephone/internet
5192	8/12/19	WEX Bank	336.79		500	39,115.28	July fuel card purchases
5193	8/12/19	Paul Jeremiassen	22.00		1100	39,093.28	40 postage stamps
5194	8/12/19	Norma McBroom	38.00		1100	39,055.28	Fire Fighter Perpetual Plaque engraving
RECEIPT	8/13/19	Flathead County		95.07	40	39,150.35	Interest on cash deposits
5195	8/16/19	Wayne Rehmert	20.00		1800	39,130.35	Per diem for Stop the Bleed training at KMRC (dinner)
5196	8/16/19	Norma McBroom	20.00		1800	39,110.35	Per diem for Stop the Bleed training at KMRC (dinner)
5197	8/16/19	Jordon Carr	20.00		1800	39,090.35	Per diem for Stop the Bleed training at KMRC (dinner)
5198	8/16/19	Levi Gress	20.00		1800	39,070.35	Per diem for Stop the Bleed training at KMRC (dinner)
DEP 01	8/29/19	DNRC		3,604.00	50	42,674.35	Use of Water Tender - 34 hours @ \$106
RECEIPT	8/30/19	Flathead County		1,031.60	60	43,705.95	Collected property taxes
5199	9/9/19	CenturyLink	133.49		200	43,572.46	August telephone/internet
5200	9/9/19	Lincoln Electric	96.71		800	43,475.75	August electricity
5201	9/9/19	Response Equip Specialists	300.00		2000	43,175.75	Pump test on pumper truck
5202	9/9/19	WEX Bank	183.48		500	42,992.27	August fuel
RECEIPT	9/10/19	Flathead County		84.49	40	43,076.76	Interest on cash deposits
RECEIPT	9/17/19	State of Montana		2,061.82	20	45,138.58	Entitlement payment - Q1/FY2020
DEP 02	9/27/19	Pioneer Medical Center		107,000.00	70	152,138.58	Proceeds from sale of ambulance
RECEIPT	9/30/19	Flathead County		5,668.50	10	157,807.08	EMS levy for 2nd half FY2019
RECEIPT	9/30/19	Flathead County		402.45	60	158,209.53	Collected property taxes
RECEIPT	10/7/19	Flathead County		72.87	40	158,282.40	Interest on cash deposits
5203	10/14/19	Response Equip Specialists	512.83		2000	157,769.57	Water Tender rear wheel and brakes
5204	10/14/19	VFIS	612.00		1200	157,157.57	Accident/Sickness policy annual renewal 10/1/19
5205	10/14/19	Alert-All Corp	255.00		1100	156,902.57	Fire safety materials for Halloween outreach
5206	10/14/19	WEX Bank	142.40		500	156,760.17	Sept fuel card purchases
5207	10/14/19	US Bank Lockbox CM 9695	97,614.78		2100	59,145.39	Prepay entire Water Tender loan plus accrued interest
5208	10/14/19	Apgar Ambulance	2,675.00		70	56,470.39	Brokerage fee on ambulance sale - 2.5% of \$107,000
5209	10/14/19	CenturyLink	133.49		200	56,336.90	Sept phone/internet
5210	10/14/19	Lincoln Electric	87.03		800	56,249.87	Sept electricity
5211	10/14/19	VFIS	1,553.00		600	54,696.87	2nd quarter installment - property/liability insurance
RECEIPT	10/31/19	Flathead County		256.43	60	54,953.30	Collected property taxes
DEP03	11/6/19	US Bank		600.10	2100	55,553.40	Refund of overpayment on Water Tender loan
5212	11/11/19	Lincoln Electric	100.32		800	55,453.08	October Electricity
5213	11/11/19	CityServiceValcon	601.83		1300	54,851.25	Propane - 390.8 gals @ \$1.54
5214	11/11/19	CenturyLink	133.62		200	54,717.63	October telephone/internet
RECEIPT	11/12/19	Flathead County		177.75	40	54,895.38	Interest on cash deposits
5215	11/26/19	Montana State Fund	435.93		1200	54,459.45	Workers Comp Prem Installment
DEP04	11/26/19	VFIS		587.00	600	55,046.45	Prop/Liability Prem Refund - Ambulance removal
RECEIPT	11/29/19	Flathead County		13,667.21	60	68,713.66	Collected property taxes
5216	12/9/19	Response Equip Specialists	1,360.82		2000	67,352.84	First Responder Brakes; Water Tender on-spot chain;batteries
5217	12/9/19	CityServiceValcon	354.20		1300	66,998.64	230 gals @ \$1.54
5218	12/9/19	WEX Bank	199.32		500	66,799.32	Nov fuel bill
5219	12/9/19	Lincoln Electric	100.55		800	66,698.77	Nov electricity
5220	12/9/19	CenturyLink	133.62		200	66,565.15	Nov telephone/internet
5221	12/9/19	Cosner Comtech	680.00		1600	65,885.15	10 radio batteries
5222	1/6/20	Community First Natl Bk	14,295.10		2100	51,590.05	Final payment - Rescue Truck lease
5223	1/13/20	WEX Bank	198.16		500	51,391.89	December Fuel Bill
5224	1/13/20	CityServiceValcon	616.00		1300	50,775.89	400 gals @ \$1.54
5225	1/13/20	Lincoln Electric	117.26		800	50,658.63	December electricity
5226	1/13/20	CenturyLink	133.62		200	50,525.01	December telephone/internet
5227	1/13/20	Rocky Gress	100.00		300	50,425.01	2 plowings @ \$50
5228	1/13/20	Response Equip Specialists	425.16		2000	49,999.85	Replace 2 rear wheel seal gaskets
5229	1/13/20	VFIS	1,553.00		600	48,446.85	3rd quarterly premium property/liability insurance

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Taxing_Jurisdiction		Taxable_Value_Protected	Mil Rate for Fire	STAFFING	Services
<a href="https://svc.mt.gov/dor/property/cov">https://svc.mt.gov/dor/property/cov</a>					
CITY OF KALISPELL		\$48,698,439.00	Gen Fund	career	fire & EMS
CITY OF WHITEFISH		\$39,066,006.00	Gen Fund plus 24 mils	combination	fire & EMS
WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA	about	\$23,743,342.00	\$144 per stucture	contract w/ City	fire
BIGFORK FIRE (just Flathead)		\$19,467,859.00	0.03212	combination	fire & EMS
SOMERS FIRE		\$19,370,054.00	0.01114	volunteer	fire
EVERGREEN FIRE DISTRICT		\$18,821,006.00	0.06006	combination	fire & EMS
FLATHEAD FIRE SERVICE AREA	about	\$17,703,328.00	\$90 per structure	none	none
WEST VALLEY FIRE		\$14,805,899.00	0.02075	volunteer	fire & EMS
CRESTON FIRE		\$14,380,064.00	0.0152	volunteer	fire
COLUMBIA FALLS FIRE		\$13,801,472.00	0.01719	volunteer	fire
SMITH VALLEY FIRE		\$10,443,317.00	0.02929	combination	fire & EMS
CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS		\$8,124,055.00	Gen Fund	volunteer	fire
BADROCK FIRE		\$7,439,377.00	0.0165	volunteer	fire
MARION FIRE		\$5,775,900.00	0.04619	combination	fire & EMS
BIG MOUNTAIN FIRE		\$5,266,811.00	0.08225	combination	fire & EMS
SOUTH KALISPELL FIRE		\$5,088,744.00	0.02009	volunteer	fire
CORAM-WEST GLACIER FIRE		\$3,857,934.00	0.02076	volunteer	fire
FERNDALE FIRE (just Flathead)		\$2,863,307.00	0.01008	volunteer	fire
HUNGRY HORSE FIRE		\$1,136,517.00	0.04811	volunteer	fire
BLANKENSHIP FIRE		\$903,678.00	0.03554	volunteer	fire
MARTIN CITY FIRE		\$822,829.00	0.03954	volunteer	fire
OLNEY FIRE		\$325,480.00	0.1229	volunteer	fire